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Main Street Director Retiring

Mary Jo Langford Led Program Nearly 18 Years

SEGUIN, Texas – After 18 years of dedication and passion aimed at revitalizing the downtown historic district, Seguin Main Street Director Mary Jo Langford is retiring.

“I think it’s time for fresh ideas and energy,” Langford said.

Langford has led the Main Street Program since Seguin re-joined the Texas Main Street Program in 1996. She championed numerous initiatives that brought improvements to the downtown historic district. Increasing handicap access, working with property owners to improve buildings, and working on the Walnut Springs Park project are among her many achievements. Langford stressed that none of it would have been possible without the help of others.

“The public, my coworkers, and City Council have been extremely supportive,” she said. “That support has enabled us to get so much done. I hope the momentum that’s been gained will continue.”

Langford describes her time with the City of Seguin as a gift. She plans to stay in town and be involved in historic preservation and the arts.

“Mary Jo has displayed passion through her tireless efforts,” Seguin City Manager Doug Faseler said. “It’s impossible to walk through the downtown historic district without seeing evidence of her dedication.”

Langford’s retirement becomes effective June 30, 2014. A replacement has not yet been selected.

“I am retiring from my position with the City of Seguin but I am not retiring from my desire and commitment to be involved with the community,” she said. “This is a happy move for me to be making.”

About the Seguin Main Street Program

The mission of the Seguin Main Street Program is to facilitate, through community input and implementation of the Main Street Program Four-Point approach of Design, Organization, Economic Restructuring, and Promotions, the changes needed to create as reality the vision for downtown. This includes recommending changes in local laws, encouraging private sector reinvestment, inviting the entire community to use and celebrate in the historic heart of the community, and laying the foundation for a viable future by facilitating appropriate planning and financing to secure the future of downtown as the heart of Seguin.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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